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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

**Volunteer docents needed for Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center
No legal experience needed; Center provides training for giving tours,
showing exhibits**

[Press release](#)

**The MLW Blog: Heard at oral argument: Hairballs, legislative insanity and
spending 'too long' in law school**

"Even the Michigan Supreme Court justices sometimes say the darnedest things. During the high court's oral arguments on Jan. 15, important legal issues were argued. And many insightful questions were asked and answered. But some amusing comments were also heard."

[Full story](#)

**The Mining Journal/Marquette: Mich. court [hears] arguments in family
dispute**

[Full story](#)

WNEM-TV(5)/Saginaw: Mich. court [hears] arguments in local family dispute

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**Grandparents' rights case before Michigan Supreme Court this week; Court
also to hear case alleging Michigan pharmacies overcharged for generic
prescription drugs**

[Press release](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Former Michigan Supreme Court justice passes; Patricia
Boyle remembered as legal pioneer**

"Attorneys and fellow jurists marked the passing of former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Patricia Boyle and paid tribute to her many contributions to the law. 'Today the Michigan Supreme Court is in mourning for one of the first women to sit on this bench,' said Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. in a statement."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Grand Rapids Press: Obituary: [Hon.] Patricia J. Boyle

[Full story](#)

**The Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Patricia Boyle, former state, US judge, dies
at 76**

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Michigan appeals court upholds teacher benefits law

"The Michigan appeals court has upheld a 2012 law requiring public school employees to pay more for their pensions and contribute some salary up front if they want health insurance in retirement. The 3-0 ruling released Wednesday affirms an Ingham County judge's ruling and rejects unions' arguments that the law is unconstitutional."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

**The Macomb Daily: Michigan appeals court upholds changes to teacher
benefits**

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Appeals court sides with Snyder over teachers' unions

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Oakland prosecutor says Novi District Judge Brian MacKenzie continues to mishandle cases

"Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper is accusing Novi District Judge Brian MacKenzie of continuing to illegally dismiss cases, even as a higher court scrutinizes his work. In a newly filed court document, Cooper cites two additional cases she says the judge mishandled."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MLW Blog: Oakland prosecutor alleges more MacKenzie misdoings

[Full story](#)

The Allegan County News: Courts and county plan to limit jail population

"Though the new Allegan County jail will be able to house upwards of 325 inmates when it opens this spring, county officials intend to artificially limit the population to near-current levels for the immediate future. County administrator Rob Sarro told county commissioners Jan. 9 that court officials and judges had 'expressed willingness' to work with the county on regulating the inmate population."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Berry presides over MSU College of Law's swearing in ceremony

"Third Judicial Circuit Court Judge Annette Jurkiewicz Berry, presided over the Michigan State University College of Law's swearing in ceremony of new Bar members, on Nov. 11 in East Lansing, and had the pleasure of swearing in 32 new members to the State Bar of Michigan."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Former medical marijuana dispensary owner pleads guilty to drug charge, hopes for change in law

"The former owner of a marijuana dispensary has pleaded guilty to drug charges, but he is hoping the Michigan Supreme Court will spare him from facing any penalty. Samer Hamed, 43, was arrested after police discovered a man had bought marijuana at Hamed's business, Purple Med, 1365 Plainfield Ave. NE on Feb. 27."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Judicial Stature

"The Ingham County Bar Association held their Third Annual Meet the Judges Reception on Thursday, Jan. 9, at Thomas M. Cooley Law School's downtown Lansing facility. Michigan Supreme Court Justices, Michigan Court of Appeals Judges, Federal Judges and local judges were all in attendance."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Adult Treatment Court celebrates graduation

"On Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m., the Oakland County Adult Treatment Court (ATC) will conduct its 37th graduation since its inception in August of 2001. The 156th through the 159th graduates will be honored with a ceremony and reception to be held in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Court recognizes employees at ceremony

“Oakland County Circuit and Probate Courts hosted the Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony on Friday, Dec. 20, at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac. Happy to thank the honorees for their service were Oakland County Circuit Court Chief Judge Nanci Grant and Oakland County Probate Court Chief Judge Linda Hallmark.”

[*Full story*](#)

WZZM-TV(13)/Grand Rapids: Private roads: who is liable?

“City and county crews have been busy trying to keep the public streets clear around West Michigan. Streets and highways are icy due to the weather conditions and cold temperatures. While public roads are plowed and salted, some private roads are treated with the money its residents pitch in to their homeowners association -- if they choose to do so. And some of those associations my not think salt is necessary or be willing to spend the money.”

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